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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Mr. J. Kahr Baldwin,  
Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates.

Reference is made to your memorandum of 16 May 1947 regarding the termination of your detail from the Department of State to the Central Intelligence Group. I concur in your suggestion that the termination date be effective as of the date desired by you.

On the eve of your departure from CIG, I would like to express the sincere appreciation of this Agency for your assistance in establishing the Office of Reports and Estimates on an operational basis. I have a full understanding of the many handicaps incident to the establishment of that office. In spite of personnel, space, and equipment lags, and in spite of the many operational faults inherent in a new organization of this type, you have successfully implemented a most important activity of this Agency.

For myself, and in the name of all CIG, I wish you every success in your return to the Foreign Service field in which you have devoted so many years to the service of the nation.

Sincerely,

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Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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